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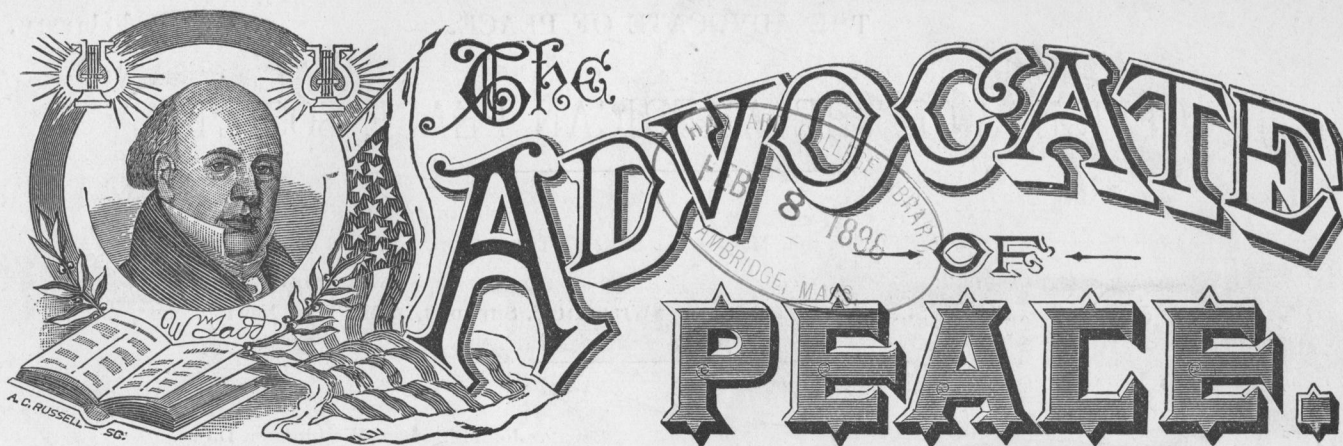
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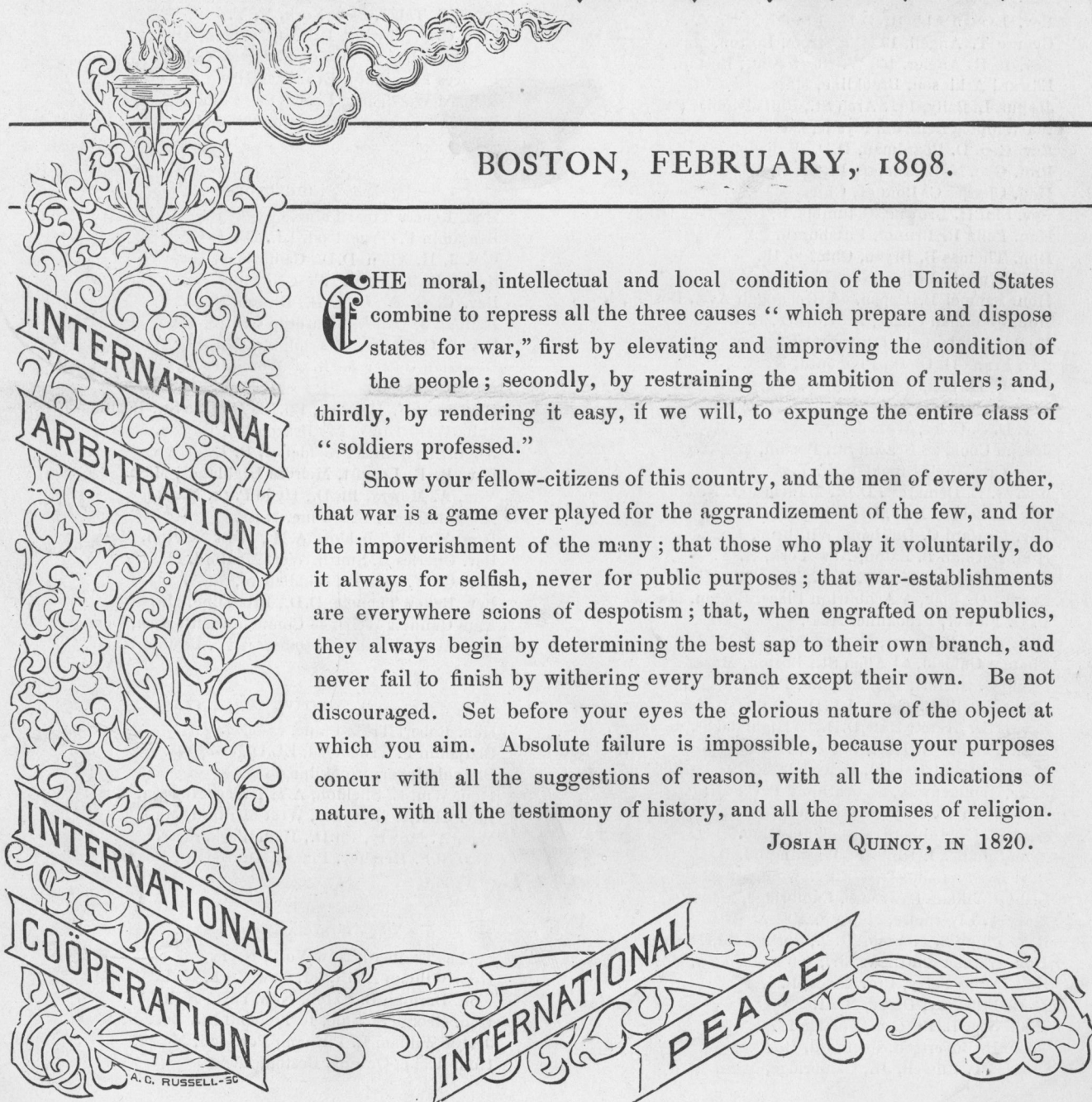


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THE moral, intellectual and local condition of the United States combine to repress all the three causes "which prepare and dispose states for war," first by elevating and improving the condition of the people; secondly, by restraining the ambition of rulers; and, thirdly, by rendering it easy, if we will, to expunge the entire class of "soldiers professed."

Show your fellow-citizens of this country, and the men of every other, that war is a game ever played for the aggrandizement of the few, and for the impoverishment of the many; that those who play it voluntarily, do it always for selfish, never for public purposes; that war-establishments are everywhere scions of despotism; that, when engrafted on republics, they always begin by determining the best sap to their own branch, and never fail to finish by withering every branch except their own. Be not discouraged. Set before your eyes the glorious nature of the object at which you aim. Absolute failure is impossible, because your purposes concur with all the suggestions of reason, with all the indications of nature, with all the testimony of history, and all the promises of religion.

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The Future Policy of the Great Powers.

Events now taking place on the coast of China are interesting not only from the point of view of their bearing on the immediate future of that empire, but also from that of what is likely to be, in the not remote future, the relation of the great powers in general to one another and to the rest of the world. If we take into account the impulse of expansiveness, the greed, the desire for supremacy, the dislike and fear of one another, the craftiness, and the almost total lack of morality in their policies, which now control the movements of Germany, France, Russia, Great Britain and Japan in the East, it is simply impossible to forecast the outcome of the present effervescence. Several results are possible. Some one of the powers may outwit the others and get such a hold in China as ultimately to control a large part if not the whole of it. They may ultimately agree

among themselves to divide the empire among them. Their fear and hatred of one another may neutralize their aggressiveness and give China time to rally and to develop strength sufficient to prevent further inroads into her territory. Their dread of a conflict of arms may check their boldness and make them content with simply opening a few more treaty ports. A naval war may be precipitated at any moment. It would be easy enough to say what would happen, if any of these nations could act independently, of its own free will. As it is, one prophecy is as good as another.

But there is a larger question than the immediate one. To this larger question all lovers of pure human progress may well address themselves. The great colonizing impulse of the last two centuries, which, if not led by the spirit of conquest, has often been dominated by it, has not spent itself. All careful observers know that the recent outburst of it has been both widespread and unexpectedly vigorous. It has continued to move Great Britain. It has strengthened itself in France. It has tried to maintain itself in Italy. It has burst out like a volcanic eruption in Germany. It has pushed Russia steadily southeastward. It helped to turn the head of Greece. It has seized new Japan. It is beginning to affect the United States with a strange delirium. The fact that there is little more of the earth's surface open to conquest has seemed to madden the powers and urged them on to seize what they can get of that which remains.

The question is what this selfish, self-exalting, aggressive spirit, if it is allowed to continue, is hereafter to feed upon. There is not much more room for its operation against the natives in Africa. The territorial limits of the European powers in the Dark Continent are rapidly approaching definiteness. The New World is no longer open to colonization. The Russian empire and the British empire in India are now nearly touching.